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**THE INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY**

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*INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY* is a non-profit corporation comprised of people who share a particular appreciation and fondness for lilacs. By exchange of knowledge, experience and facts gained by members, it is helping to promote, educate and broaden public understanding and awareness of lilacs.

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Family .....	7.50
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Life .....	100.00

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Clark's Second Inaugural

"These are momentous times." So said President Baker of the then Massachusetts State College some forty years ago. They still are -- no matter on which level you consider them -- even for ILS. In our formative years (this being our seventh) we continue to grow. The rate may not please some of our members perhaps, nevertheless for those who have suffered through similar developmental periods of comparable groups indications that growth is indeed taking place is encouraging.

First I wish to extend congratulations to our fourth President, Walter Eickhorst, who guided ILS through its sixth year. He kept us on an even keel in spite of rough waters. Secondly I wish to welcome three newly elected Directors: Sue Ferguson of Rochester, New York; Nancy Alexander of Hanson, Massachusetts; and "Marty" Martin of the Holden Arboretum, Mentor, Ohio. Sue Ferguson was also elected Assistant Secretary (Secretary to the Board of Directors) replacing Lois Utley who served with distinction in that capacity from 1971. Mr. R. Trevor Hutchison of Toronto has consented to serve as Vice President of Eastern Canada in place of Charles Holetich. Aside from an exchange of offices by the president and the editor, no organizational changes in administration can be reported.

At the moment, however, I wish to announce that since Founding President Orville M. Stewart nowadays finds it impossible to participate regularly in ILS affairs I hereby promote him to rank of Honorary Director for life. In his stead I appoint Founding Member Franklin Niedz of Ambler (Frank is recovering from a serious accident and could not be present for this convention. We extend our heartiest greetings and wish him speedy recovery.)

I should like now to elaborate on my opening remarks, namely "these momentous times." ILS is on the threshold of

offering rare lilac plants to its members under special privileges; also it is publishing new, authoritative scientific and technical papers under similar rights of exclusive purchase. The Lilac Distribution Committee soon will be announcing the availability of limited quantities of two dozen or more hard-to-find extraordinary lilacs. Meanwhile the Board is considering the feasibility of dues increases owing to rising costs of operation. (All officers serve without remuneration by the Society, however costs of materials and services which have to be contracted are forcing the Board to reconsider its financial policies.) During this seventh year, therefore, I propose that we step up our efforts to increase our membership by bringing in new members.

In a coffee shop this week I overheard this conversation: "I haven't painted that church yet; you know, there aren't any lilacs around it." "Yeah, lilacs are my favorite flower." (businessman to artist). The field is wide open. It's just that we are not working it properly or persistently enough. The lilac season is all too brief, and the chance to get in our best pitch is fleeting. Yet we must be ever alert for the chance and speak up while the ear is receptive. Once blossoms fade and summer itself blooms everyone's attention turns to other things.

Let us then use the coming year to plan and to launch a noisy campaign starting in midwinter and continuing relentlessly for five months. THINK LILACS.

Judging by the way that certain lilacs disappeared at the auction last evening I tell you with confidence that we have a good product! Believing fervently that ILS has an exciting year ahead, I ask you to join me in seeking fruition of this vision.



Sixth Annual ILS Conference - Amherst, Mass.  
May 20-22, 1977.

Lilac History 1977 - the sixth annual meeting was favored with fine weather and a fair to good bloom (a few days past the peak). Al Lumley (and whatever assistance he had besides his lovely lady Mabel, his very capable secretary Mrs. Halsted and her daughter Lorna) did an excellent job as host - his program was well rounded with both informative papers and provocative subjects which I'm certain will lead to new topics for future presentations. Scheduling and the intermixing of business sessions with papers and field trip all were well spaced without a hurried feeling, yet with adequate time allowed for those who wished to rest without a waste of time. While Al did experience some housing problems during the early going, everything worked out fine and all were comfortably situated without undue inconvenience (at least nobody complained).

One of the lesser highlights of the session was the Auction which in effect generated a fair bit of financial support for the society, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who contributed so generously to the success. This effort does indeed both giveth and provideth (the Society gets a boost in the Trea. and participating members go home with good merchandise), however, the well could one day go dry, and it behooves those who can to consider putting together layers, suckers (or whatever) of those sought after selections which are such an attraction at auction time. While one or two items did command a good price, the "Hot Ones" were not generally available this time around.

Very fine papers (some illustrated) were presented by Jack Alexander, Al Fordham, Dr. Owen Rogers, Freek Vrugtman, Fr. John Fiala, Charles Holetich and Dr. Radford Pike - it was indeed a privilege to listen to the experiences and words of wisdom come forth from these learned individuals.

Visiting the campuses of both Smith College and the Univ. of Mass. and having the opportunity to see the many fine old specimens of trees was something that many of us will long remember. Then the walk down Main Str. in Old Deerfield took us all back a century (and more) and provided an excellent example of the early architecture of our country - sturdy, well designed, warm homes of yesteryear - again, lovely old trees, a generous sprinkling of the shrubby items commonly used by the early settlers, and even a common old lilac now and then (along with an occasional newer selection here and there giving evidence of the changing landscape).

Several of the Committees were very active this past year and some results have already come to the forefront, other fruits of their labors still have to be realized (some of which will most likely flush out within the next few months). Again, I would strongly encourage (under the direction of your President) those Comm. members that can, to remain and see their efforts come to life.

The format of the LILAC (1976 Proceedings is in the mail) for 1977 will take on a new look and hopefully will be put together (at a considerably reduced cost) by late July or August, pulling all of the Papers, Reports, etc. together will take a certain amount of doing before we can go to press. (Editor)

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For the delegates who are in the photograph taken during the Convention in Amherst, the following list may be of interest.

If you know who is third person in the fourth row on your picture please let us know so that we can inform others in a later issue.



Front Row:

Mr. Alexander  
Mrs. Alexander  
Mrs. Vrugtman  
Mrs. Sipp  
Mrs. Utley  
Mr. Utley  
Mr. Rogers  
Mr. Chaykowski  
Mrs. Chaykowski  
Mr. Clark  
Mrs. Clark  
Mrs. Fiala  
Mrs. Pesata  
Mrs. Kara  
Mr. Kara

Second Row:

Al Lumley  
Mr. Margaretten  
Mrs. Margaretten  
Mr. Webster  
Mr. Hodgdon  
Mrs. Hodgdon  
Mrs. Webster  
Mrs. Cladwell  
Mrs. Montrallos  
Mrs. Schenker  
Mrs. Baschnagel  
Mrs. Ferguson  
Mrs. Holetich  
Mrs. Eickhorst  
Mrs. Emerson  
Mrs. Martin  
Mr. Peterson  
Mrs. Carvill

Third Row:

Mr. Oakes  
Tim Chieppo  
Mr. Webster  
Mr. Pike  
Mrs. Rittman  
Mrs. Spilberg  
Mrs. McNinch  
Mr. Hutchinson  
Mr. Luce  
Mr. Forshaw  
Mr. Eickhorst  
Mr. Holetich  
Col. Schenker  
Mr. Gentry  
Mr. Martin  
Mr. Fordham  
Mr. Heard  
Mrs. Schumacher

Fourth Row:

Mr. Caldwell  
Mr. Chieppo  
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Mr. Vrugtman  
Father Fiala  
Mr. Pesata  
Mr. Emerson  
Mr. Lockwood  
Mr. Short  
Mr. Baker  
Mr. Carvill

Article from Hampshire Gazette, June 2, 1977.

"Old Deerfield given award by lilac society

Deerfield - The International Lilac Society Inc., has presented an award of merit to Historic Deerfield, Inc., "for their understanding of the importance of the lilac to early settlers and the development of the historic plantings as a source of education and inspiration to the public."

The presentation was made by Prof. Albert E. Lumley on behalf of the International Lilac Society to Dr. Donald R. Friary, executive director of Historic Deerfield.

The award was given to Historic Deerfield after a visit to Deerfield by members of the lilac society on May 20. The society held its annual meeting in Amherst and planned a trip to Deerfield to see the historic plantings of lilacs and other flora."

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A letter to "The Pipeline" distributor :

Dear Charles,

I just received a nice letter from Walter Eickhorst and he asked me to send you the names of Amherst Convention workers to be recognized in June issue of "The Pipeline".

- Mrs. John Betty Holsted managed the front desk with the help of her daughter Lorna.
- Mrs. Duane Leeta Bailey produced fresh lilacs for the tables during each convention day.
- Mrs. Albert Lumley planned the two outings at (our home) Lilac Land.



- The manager of the Lord Jeffrey Inn did a big job for our society in caring for the program.
- New member Mr. Thomas Chieppo produced the bus for our Friday trips with driver and no charge to us.
- The two men who operate the "Cage" for Amherst College worked hard for the auction.
- The young man who took the delegates picture gets paid by selling them at \$2.00. (I have about 15 pictures and they will go to the first people who write me and enclose \$2.00).
- President William Ward could not keep his date to speak to us because he had to go to the midwest to speak at the Lindberg 50th Anniversary.
- The past president of the Lord Jeffrey Inn, Dean Arnold Collery, spoke to us on Friday, and president of the Hotel Association and his wife were with us on Saturday. (Comptroller and Mrs. George May.)
- The lilac auction produced around \$478.00 with the help of a new assistant auctioneer in the person of Col. (retired) Hanssen Schenker of Freedom, N.H., and of course Walter W. Eickhorst.
- The Inn was a pleasant place for those three days and the delegates seemed to enjoy themselves.

Cordially, Al Lumley.

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*The Three Blessed Fruits, from a Chinese Lantern Silhouette.*





*Basket of Flowers, from Stalker's TREATISE OF JAPANING, Oxford, 1688.*